



THE TIGER





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TIGER
1955

Published By
The Senior Class Of
The Essex County High School
Tappahannock, Virginia

Foreword



Four years ago we gazed into the future and saw a tower of hope and dreams. Gradually, these hopes have been realized, our dreams have come true. As we near the peak, we proudly present the first TIGER.

May you enjoy this book of deeds well done and our hope for better things to come as we strive to reach our final and fondest hope.

E C H S

Our Pride and Joy



Eighteen years of continuous service

Alma Mater

Oh Essex brave, dear Essex true,
With earnest hearts we pledge to you
Our pride, our love, our loyalty
Through endless day and to destiny.

Chorus--

Oh Essex grave, dear Essex free
Oh Essex is the place for me
When it is time for me to die
Just bring me here and let me lie.

We know you can never fail us
And we shall never fail you
For you we sing Oh Essex true
We had great victory always for you.

In you alone we have our trust
And hope you will have the same in us
For you we live Oh Essex too;
We will always be witness for you.

Dedication

In appreciation for all the guidance and cooperation given to the Class of 1955, we dedicate the Tiger to-----



Mrs. Poles

- P -- is for patience which she had in guiding us when tasks seemed unsurmountable.
- O -- is for opportunity which she gave everyone.
- L -- is for loyal which she is to all.
- E -- is for her efforts to make this first publication of the Tiger a success.
- S -- is for her sense of humor and genuine understanding which have given us encouragement to attempt to attain success.

- B -- is for bravery which he always exemplifies.
- O -- is for overt; his character is easily seen and understood.
- W -- is for worthiness which he demonstrates daily in school activities.
- E -- is for the encouragement which helped us reach our goal.
- N -- is for noble; his generous deeds and honorable opinion.
- S -- is for sincerity; the desire he has for us to be successful.



Mr. Bowens

---- there you have the letters of their names. The first group spells Poles and the second Bowens. Our hopes, our ideals and our dreams have been nurtured by them and their faith in us has given us courage to face tomorrow---its successes and its failures.

Our Principal



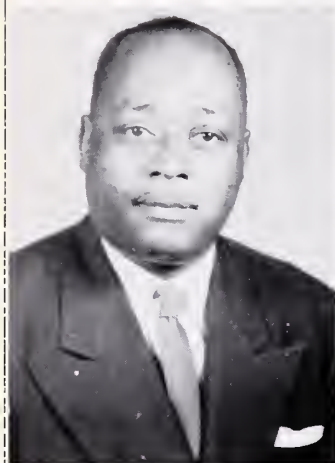
Mr. Penrose B. Parks

His Message

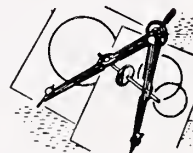
It is the desire of all of us to make our school the best that our students can graduate from. In order to do this there must be unity of spirit, good team work, and cooperation among the students, faculty, and the community. If our school is to be the best, then we as citizens of the school must be the best citizens; we must be loyal, faithful, and helpful in every relationship to school life.

We must believe in progress if we are to be successful. Progress is change, but purposeful change. Educational change, like social change, must be constructed and controlled if our school is to be brought into better alignment with the purposes it should serve. We at the Essex County High School believe in progress and modern education--not the type of education that is not in favor of discipline or just to teach the student the things he wants to learn. We do not believe that the task of modern education is to make education interesting, but to educate as well as we know how so that our students will be able to compete successfully and constructively in our democratic society.

The Faculty Guides us



Mr. Richard H. Vaughan
Social Science
Physical Education
North Carolina College



Mr. Walter R. Henderson
Mathematics
French
Va. Union University



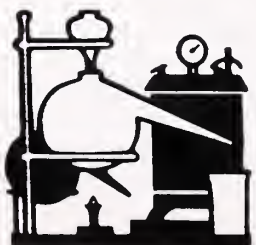
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Librarian
Va. State College



Mr. Allen R. Bowens
General Science
A. & T. College

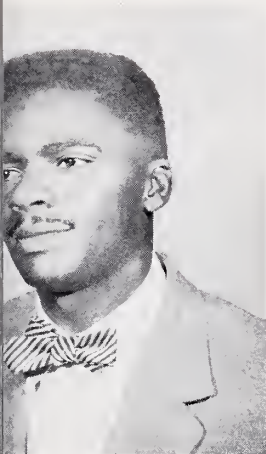


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Chemistry
English
Va. State College

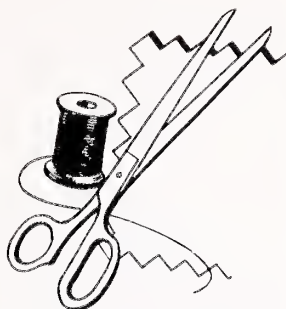


Mrs. Ocelia R. White
Librarian
Hampton Institute
(Left during school
year)





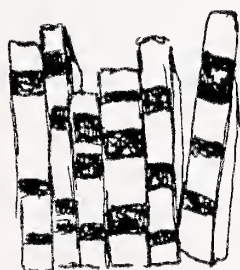
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Agriculture
Athletics
Va. State College



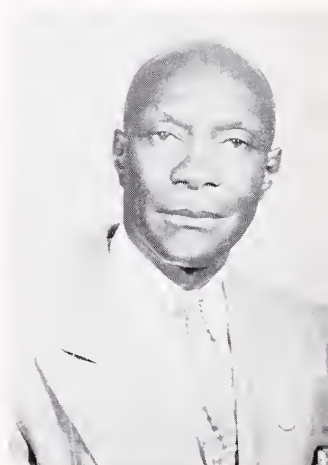
Mrs. Lucy T. Brown
Home Economics
Choral Music
Va. State College



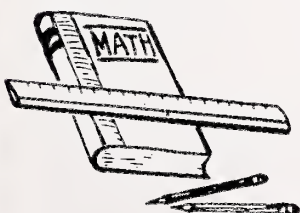
Mrs. Mamie G. Bayton
Athletics
Sixth Grade
Columbia University



Mr. Thomas H. Epps
Seventh Grade
Hampton Institute



Mrs. Esther B. Booker
Fifth Grade
Va. State College

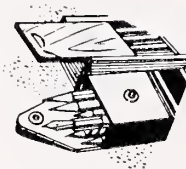


Mrs. Zelda C. Jackson
Fifth Grade
Va. State College

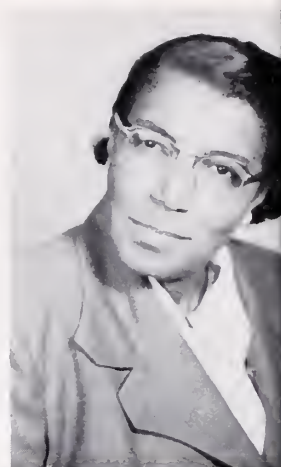




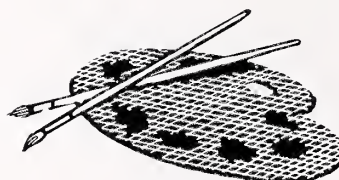
Mrs. Esther Y. Stevens
Third Grade
Va. State College



Miss Vera Waugh
Fourth Grade
Va. State College



Mrs. Josephine Burton
Second Grade
Va. State College



Mrs. Julia Grant
Second Grade
Art
Va. State College



Miss Marjorie Saunders
First Grade
Temple University



Mrs. Esther Harris
First Grade
Hampton Institute



S e n i o r s



Class Officers

President-----	Delaney Wright
Vice President-----	Roger Brown
Secretary-----	Jacquelyn Roane
Assistant Secretary-----	Delores Washington
Treasurer-----	Jean Dandridge
Business Manager-----	Joseph Pendleton
Chr. of Prog. Committee-----	Johnnie Fortune

CLASS MOTTO

"The highest peak is our greatest aim."

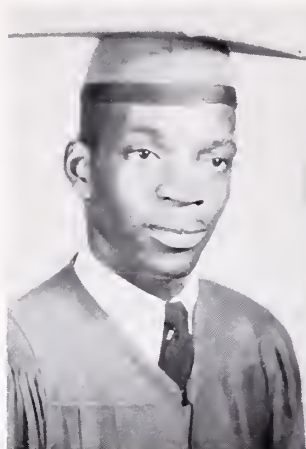
CLASS COLORS

Blue and Yellow

CLASS FLOWER

Red Carnation

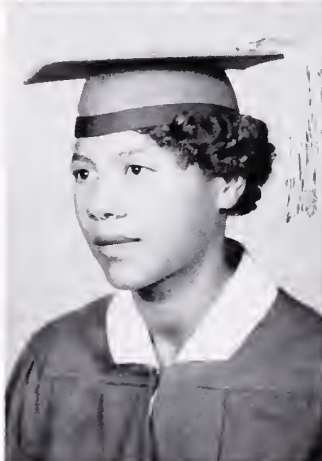
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 "Soup Bowl"
 N. F. A.
 Basketball
 Baseball



Evelyn Beale
 "Sugie"
 Glee Club
 N. H. A.
 Dramatic Club



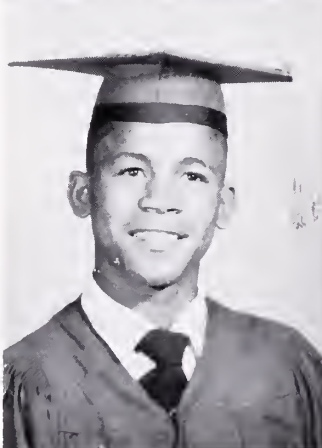
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 "Sis"
 N. H. A.
 Softball
 Glee Club



Roger A. Brown
 "Bronnie"
 N. F. A.
 Basketball
 Baseball
 Dramatic Club
 Student Council
 Yearbook Staff



Randolph A. Fortune
 "Randy"
 N. F. A.



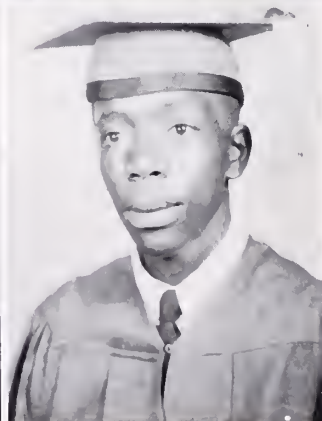
Jean A. Dandridge
 "Jeannie"
 N. H. A.
 Basketball
 Softball
 Student Council
 Yearbook Staff



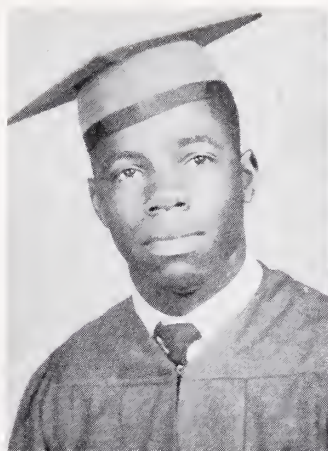
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 "Jill"
 N. H. A.



Moses B. Epps
 "Cutie"
 N. F. A.

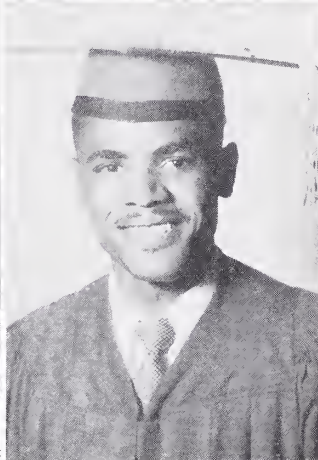
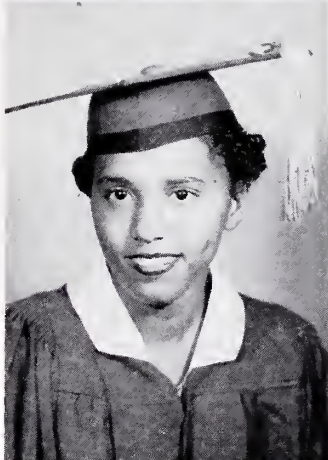


James E. Gaines
 "Jim"
 Baseball
 Dramatic Club
 Yearbook Staff
 Glee Club



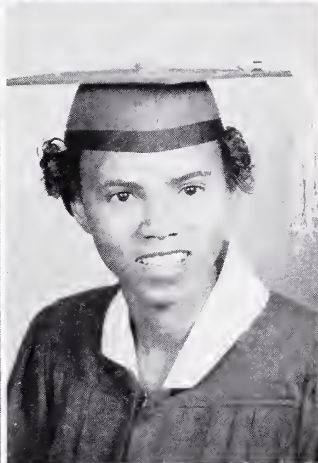
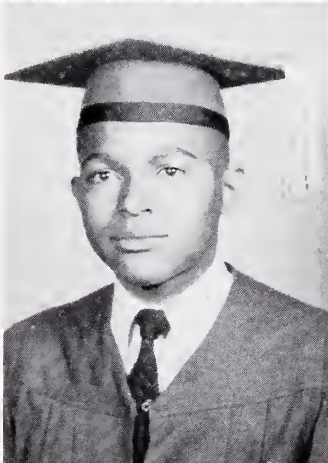
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 "Shade"
 N. H. A.
 Student Council
 Dramatic Club
 Glee Club
 Yearbook Staff

Jacqueline E. Gaines
 "Jackie"
 N. H. A.



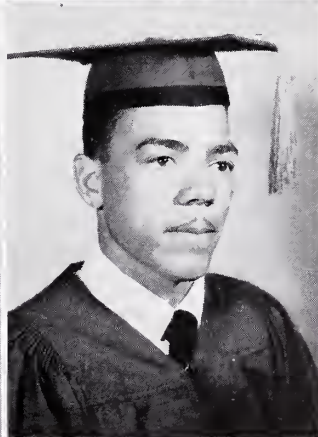
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 "Honey"
 N. F. A.
 Basketball
 Baseball

Walter T. Greene
 "Toots"
 Yearbook Staff
 Student Council
 N. F. A.
 Dramatic Club



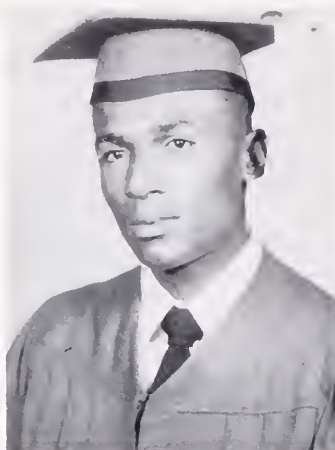
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 "Honey"
 N. H. A.
 Softball
 Dramatic Club
 Yearbook Staff

Tony B. Green
 "Tiny"
 N. H. A.

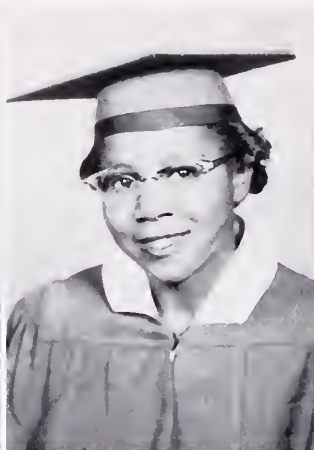


Franklin L. Johnson
 "Frankie"
 N. F. A.

William A. Johnson
 "Willie"
 N. F. A.
 Basketball



Earline V. Giles
 "Lena"
 N. H. A.



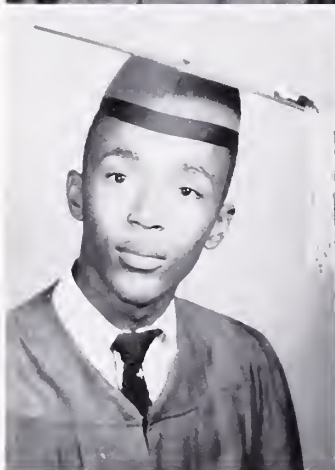
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 Dramatic Club
 Glee Club



James M. Lee
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 N. F. A.
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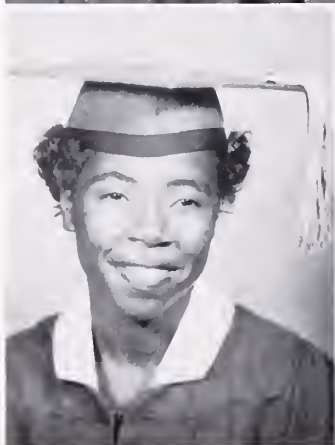
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 Glee Club



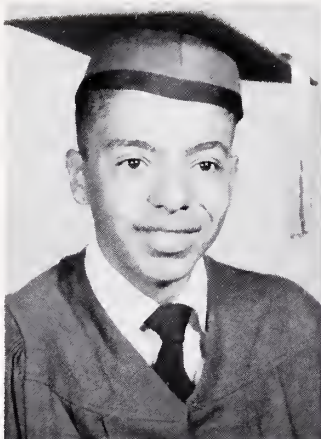
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 "Sue"
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 Softball



Albert E. Moody
 "Moot"
 N. F. A.
 Basketball
 Baseball



John W. Oneal
"Junior"
N.F. A.



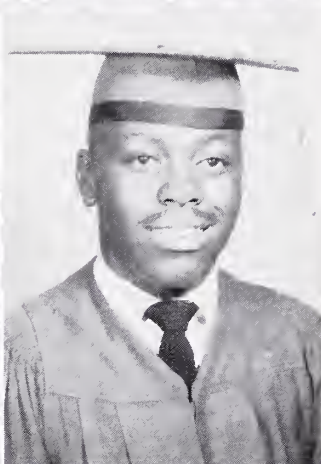
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N. H. A.
Glee Club
Dramatic Club



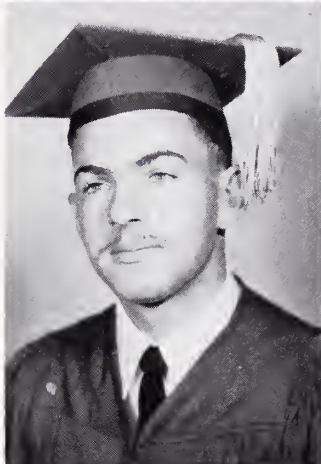
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"Puffy"
N. H. A.



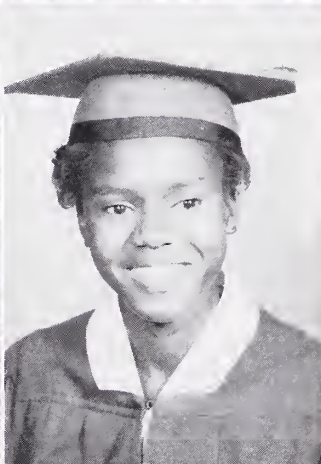
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"Jo-Joe"
N.F. A.
Basketball
Baseball



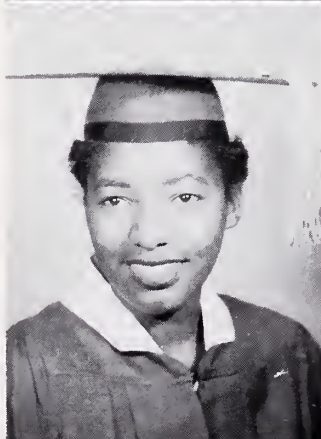
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"West"
N.F. A.
Basketball
Baseball



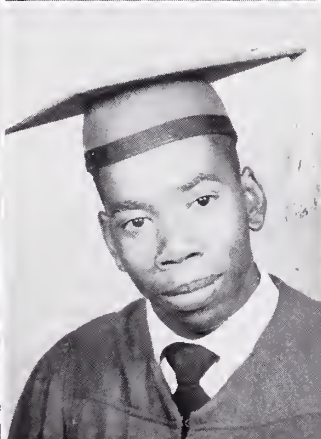
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"Fin"
N. H. A.



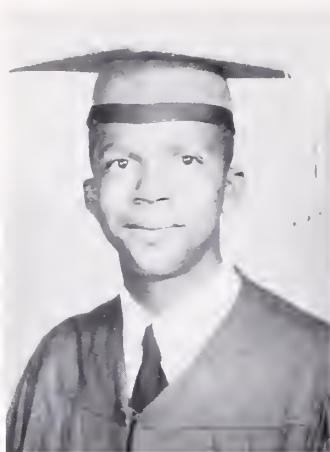
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"Bet"
N. H. A.
Dramatic Club
Cheering Squad
Student Council
Yearbook Staff



Francis Smith
"Smitty"
N.F. A.

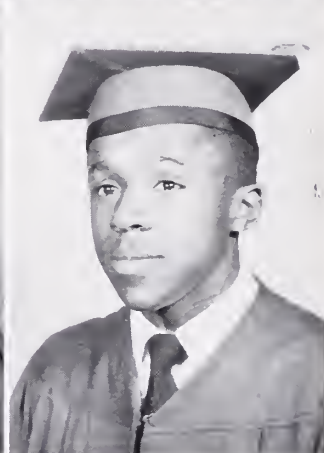
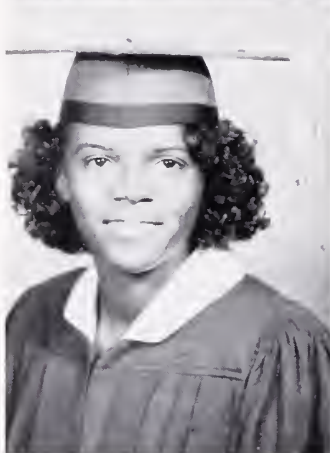


Roy M. Vessels
"Duckie"
N. F. A.



Doris A. McGuire
"Dot-dee"
N. H. A.
Dramatic Club
Yearbook Staff

Sarah A. Nelson
"Maxie"
N. H. A.



Delaney S. Wright
"Baby"
N. F. A.
Dramatic Club
Basketball
Baseball
Student Council
Yearbook Staff

Shirley C. Ransome
"Beetle"
N. H. A.
Softball



Ann Richardson
"Fuzzy"
N. H. A.

Irene Ross
"Joy"
N. H. A.
Softball
Basketball



Jacquelyn T. Roane
"Joey"
N. H. A.
Glee Club
Student Council

Carrie L. Smith
"Smittie"
N. H. A.



Edith S. Scott
"String Bean"
N. H. A.
Glee Club



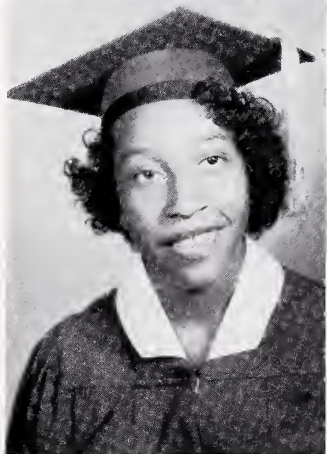
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N. H. A.
Glee Club



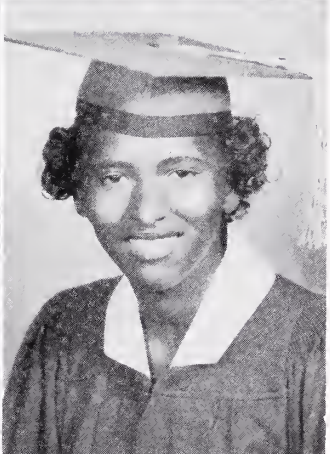
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Glee Club
Dramatic Club
Safety Patrol



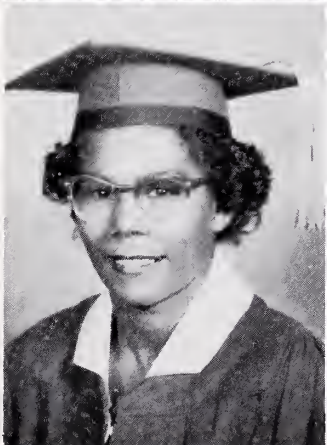
Delores A. Washington
"Shorty"
N. H. A.
Dramatic Club
Yearbook Staff



Geneva Wilson
"Slim"
N. H. A.
Softball
Basketball
Safety Patrol



Frances B. Young
"Fluffy"
N. H. A.
Student Council



Ruby S. Young
"Sardine"
N. H. A.
Basketball
Softball
Dramatic Club
Yearbook Staff



The Tiger Staff



It is our purpose to provide a store of pleasant memories to remind the reader of the eventful years spent at Essex County High School. If this purpose is achieved, our efforts will have been sufficiently rewarded.

Roger Brown	-----	Editor
Jacquelyn Roane	-----	Literary Editor
Bettye McGuire	-----	Publicity Editor
Jean Dandridge	-----	Sports Editor
Delores Washington	-----	Class Editor
Laura Morris	-----	Assistant Editor
Doris McGuire	-----	Advertising Editor
Johnnie Fortune	-----	Social Editor
James Gaines	-----	Typist
Ruby Young	-----	Yearbook Sales Editor
Walter Greene	-----	Art Editor
Delaney Wright	-----	Business Manager
Mrs. M. T. Poles	-----	Advisor
Mr. A. R. Bowens	-----	Advisor

Class History

Four years ago a momentous event took place at ECHS. A new class was born, the class later to be known as the Banner Carrier of 1955. At the beginning there were sixty-six of us, rather shy and timid. This large number forced us to be divided into two sections. Mrs. Poles sponsored one division and Miss Ragland the other.

Throughout our freshman year, we were busy with the task of adjusting to a new situation and trying to establish a favorable reputation for ourselves. However, we were glad to accept the invitations offered us to participate in the various organizations of the school. Jean Dandridge, Irene Ross, Shirley Ransome and Delores Bundy participated in athletics. Delores Washington, Ruby Young, Roger Brown, and Walter Green starred in dramatics. We realized that this was our beginning.

In the fall of 1952, we entered under new administration. Mr. P. B. Parks was our principal. Our former principal, Mr. James D. Washington, was assigned to sponsor the division of our class formerly sponsored by Miss Ragland.

We now realized that high school was a serious business and as a result of our acquired insight, we settled down to our required task.

Our most memorable year was our Junior year. Our class enrollment was considerably below that of the previous year, but those who entered school had a stronger determination to strive onward. We organized our class early. Mrs. Poles and Mr. Washington were still our sponsors. Delaney Wright was elected president and Joyce Gaines secretary. With two more years at ECTS, we selected as our motto, "What we are to be, we are now becoming." In March 1954, our beloved sponsor, Mr. Washington succumbed and Mr. A. R. Bowens became his successor. Roger Brown won the District Oratorical Contest sponsored by the New Farmers of America. He also participated in the State Contest but was defeated to fourth place.

Junior Prom preparations were lots of fun and work which we will never forget. The boys and girls struggled weeks before the event, practicing new dance steps under the supervision of Mrs. P. B. Parks. Other preparations included hanging decorations, nailing picket fences, arranging flowers, and mailing invitations. And then "that night", to the soft strands of our orchestra, we danced and listened to the gentle sweep of evening skirts as we glided to and fro.



To close this wonderful year Commencement arrived and to our surprise the following members of our class had won annual school awards: Roger Brown -citizenship, Delaney Wright-scholastic, Jacqueline Roane-music, and Delores Washington-science.

Then came September 1954--the year of our fondest dreams. This time we entered a school with a new name. We were now students of the Essex County High School. We organized our class for the last time at ECHS. The class chose Delaney Wright as president to preside over us for this very important year. James Gaines, a transfer student from Richmond County High School, entered ECHS as a member of our senior class. For the opening week, our first Senior distinction was that of selecting a standard ring for the school. The class assisted in selecting the ring now worn by our class as the school's standard.

The excitement of having a yearbook for the first time prompted all of us to begin work early. Our Senior year was a busy year. There were many unforgettable events, perhaps those reserved for Seniors only, such as, the opening of the curtains for the senior play, the solemnity of Vesper Service and the sadness that even the hardest of us felt upon closing our lockers for the last time.

Yes, tomorrow is Commencement and on the threshold of our debut into the larger world, we realize more keenly than ever that the lasting friendships, the social activities, athletics, and the satisfaction of mastering at least the fundamentals of our subject fields have made these years at ECHS the best years of our lives.



-----Delores Washington

Class Song



Tune: "Believe Me If All Those..."



O Essex dear, Our pride and joy,
We pay thee our homage today,
For the worth of thy teaching, Thy joy and care,
And the good we've known long the way,
We thank thee, we bless thee, we pray for the years,
That will glorify God and our race,
We'll love thee forever and ne'er shall forget,
How we labored for our true reward.

O Essex dear you were stern but true,
And there's nothing that we shall do,
To reflect on your name, dear School of ours,
The school of our years and hours,
We shall think of you with pride always,
And keep you exalted high,
And will always remember the days gone by,
And the teachings of old Essex High.

--Jacquelyn Roane
Jean Holmes



Class Poem

Dear Old Essex, Source of Wisdom
From your fountain the stream of knowledge flows
Here we've played, and here we've labored
Many a lesson we have learned
We have solved the many problems
That the years have placed before us
As we've trod the path of wisdom
Pressing onward to our goal
We have passed o'er hill and valley
Through the plain, over rough terrain

Now we will leave your halls forever
Chanting still our sweet refrain
Hail Essex, our Queen!
As we speed along life's pathway
To the land of greater promise
Where the others sing your praises
We shall take our place beside them
Writing yet a brighter chapter
Adding ever to your greatness

--Jean Dandridge
Joyce Gaines

Senior Superlatives

Best All-Round

Jean Dandridge
Roger Brown

Best Liked

Betty McGuire
William Lee

Most Attractive

Joyce Gaines
John Oneal

Most Talented

Ruby Young
James Gaines

Most Sophisticated

Johnnie Fortune
Roger Brown

Most Studious

Delores Washington
Delaney Wright

Most Business-Like

Jacquelyn Roane
Joseph Pendleton

Most Athletic

Jean Dandridge
Willie Blagmon

Most Humorous

Dorothy Golden
Moses Epps

The Quietest

Effie Epps
Francis Smith



Musical Moods

"From Here to Eternity" ----- Entering Essex High
 "The Clock" ----- Arriving at School on time
 "Every Night In the Week" ----- Home Assignment
 "Crying in the Chapel" ----- Failed in a Subject
 "Tipping In" ----- Late for Class
 "Why? Oh Why?" ----- Did I fail in English?
 "My Song" ----- Alma Mater
 "Dragnet" ----- Wanted in the Office
 "I Couldn't Sleep a Wink
 Last Night" ----- Studying for Test
 "Strange Sensation" ----- Leaving for work or College
 "You're a Part of Me" ----- E.C.H.S.
 "Here In My Heart" ----- Our love for Essex
 "Money Honey" ----- Buying graduation Necessities
 "Cry" ----- Failing to Graduate
 "Loveliest Night In The Year" ----- Graduation Night
 "Somewhere Along the Way" ----- Finding a job after Graduation



Last Will and Testament

We, the Class of 1955, of the Essex County High School, do hereby make and declare this to be our last will and testament in form and manner as follows:

To the School, we leave the examples we have set as worthy scholars and blameless students.

To the Community at large, we bequeath the influence we have been for the honorable and the better things of life; our interest in music, in community programs and in charitable drives.

To the Faculty, we leave our highest respect and indebted love.

To the Junior Class, we bestow our richest treasures, our senior dignity, our excellent wit, our superlative brilliancy, our charming manners, our favor with the teachers, our excellent grades and our triumphant exit as the most outstanding class this school has ever had.

To the Sophomore Class, we leave two more years of hard work, for we believe that it was hard work that enabled us to reach our goal.

To the Freshman Class, we leave our fearlessness to tackle the job at hand and the courage to push forward.

The Class of 1955, not willing to leave all of our possessions, take with us the most valuable of all, our love for ECHS.

--Johnnie Mae Fortune
Emma Hoskins



OFFICERS: Left to Right: James Gray-President, Grace Muse-Assistant Secretary, Barbara Taylor-Vice President, Betty Beale-Treasurer, Barbara Peterson-Secretary.



FIRST ROW: Grace Johnson, Grace Muse, James Grey, Pauline Wilson, Joseph Noel, Dorothy Bundy, Rosetta Cauthorne, Harry Lee, Betty Beale, Luther Rollins. SECOND ROW: Harold Byrd, James Jackson, Lloyd Johnson, James Smith, Ann Jones, Charles Hill, Barbara Taylor, Mae Pearl Lee, Barbara Blagmon, John Blagmon, Barbara Peterson. THIRD ROW: Laura Morris, Catherine Ruffin, Gloria Smith, Beatrice Wright, Anna Pratt, Mary Hill, St. Claire Moody, Allen Wormly, Ruby Muse, Elizabeth Cauthorne, Mr. Richard H. Vaughan, Sponsor.



CLASS OF 1957

OFFICERS: Sitting: Delores Peterson-Treasurer, Edna Gaines-Assistant Secretary, Althena Harris-Vice President, Clara Booker-Secretary. Standing: Sarah Lee, Nell Robinson, Walter Garnet, Annie Young-Committee Members.



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ACTIVITIES

No program of education is truly complete unless it includes curricular as well as extra-curricular activities. Such activities constitute the bases of wholesome living by providing the cues which prepare us for playing the responsible roles which life holds for us.

These activities have served not only to enrich our lives but to develop within us that spirit of fellowship and co-operation which directs our lives today and should make us better citizens tomorrow.

Having been integrated into the life of E. C. H. S. , those of us who have been participants in the curricular as well as extra-curricular activities of our school, hope to achieve integration into the larger, more complex life of the modern world.

CLASS WORK

Our classes present us unlimited areas of activity through which we steadily grow in knowledge, skills and appreciations.



English

In developing good language skill, the students of the Sophomore Class work out their assignment on Word Study.



Chemistry

Experiments make students think for themselves and aid them in solving problems. These students of the Junior and Senior Class perform an experiment to show that hydrogen can reduce copper oxide.



Social Studies

Pupils of the Junior Class listen attentively while James Gray, a student in United States History, explains to the class why the early colonies were interested in self-government.

Geometry

Be careful with your construction! We are building a bridge for the future.



Science

With the Botanical Chart and the microscope these students are able to understand the structure and development of the plant.

Art

Art provides for the student creative expression. It helps him to explore and gain an appreciation for cultural growth.





Agriculture

The farm shop is one of the most important phases of agriculture. Proper operation and proper repair gives longer life to machinery.

Home Economics

The objective of the homemaking program is to develop an appreciation of wholesome home life and an understanding of the responsibilities and skills involved in caring for the home.



Physical Education

Physical education is an important part of the school's program. It helps to coordinate class activities with activities that can be carried over into adult life. Most games are taught with emphasis on rules and regulations as well as playing techniques.



The Elementary Classes



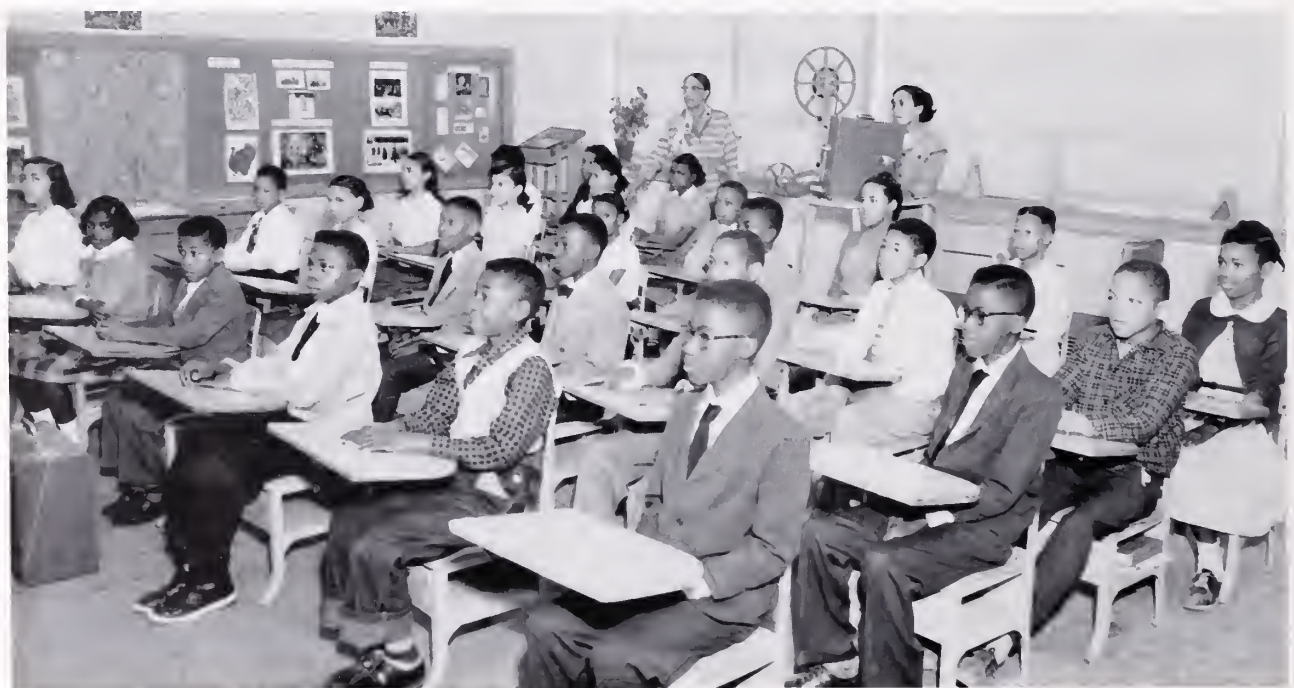
Pictured above is the Seventh Grade Class in social science gathering information on their assignment. Mr. Epps is the instructor.



Blanche Reynolds, a member of the Sixth Grade Class, is explaining that fractions must have the same denominators before they can be added or subtracted. Mrs. Bayton, the sixth grade teacher, looks on.

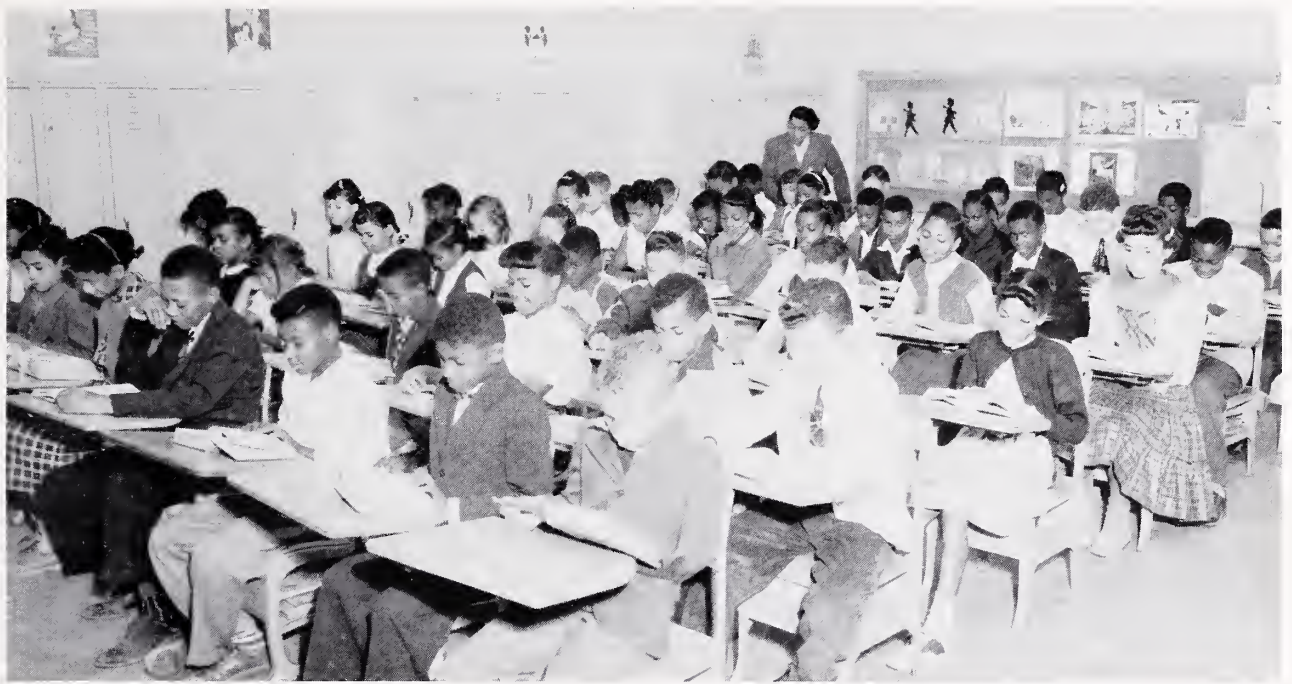


These Fifth Grade students are working on insects---observing the effects that heat, light, and food have on their life---as a part of a science project being carried out under the guidance of Mrs. Z.C. Jackson.



Pictured above is a section of the Fifth Grade seeing a film entitled "How the Ear Functions." Mrs. E. B. Booker is the instructor.

Mrs. Betty Barrack, the Elementary Supervisor, frequently visits the elementary classrooms and is shown above standing to the left of Mrs. Booker.



These Fourth Grade students are reading the story "The Man and the Alligator" under the supervision of Miss Vera Waugh, their teacher.



Students of the Third Grade are working on Spelling Drills a daily activity of the class under the guidance of Mrs. Esther Y. Stevens, their teacher.



Mrs. J.R. Burton, Second Grade teacher, observes as the students of the class express themselves artistically in the art work that they are doing.



Pictured above is Miss Moore, Substitute Teacher, working with the Second Grade students in a folk dancing class in the absence of their teacher Mrs. Julia Grant. Mrs. Betty Barrack, Elementary Supervisor, is here with this class.



Students of the First Grade Class work in various groups with their teacher Mrs.

Esther L. Harris in developing a unit on pets.



Miss Marjorie Saunders instructs her First Grade students in--MANUSCRIPT WRITING--

a part of their daily program.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Many of the organizations and clubs offer service to the school and an opportunity for personal development of the students connected with them.



Student Council

It is our aim to cherish and perpetuate our constitution, to maintain laws of good order, to maintain high standards of cooperation---loyalty and fair play, to prepare to meet the problems of school and adult life, to set a high standard of citizenship and to encourage and support all forms of student activity.

Standing: Mr. A. R. Bowens, Delaney Wright, Oscar Sears, Joyce Washington, Florine Roane, Barbara Young, Ann Sayles, Clara Booker, Laura Morris, Johnnie Fortune and Mr. W. R. Henderson. Sitting: John Blagmon, Jaquelyn Roane, Jean Dandridge, Mr. R. H. Vaughan, sponsor, Roger Brown, president of Student Council and Bettye McGuire.



N.F.A.

The New Farmers of America is a national organization of Negro rural boys found in all states having Negro rural schools.

"...I believe in the dignity of farm work and that I shall prosper in proportion as I learn to put knowledge and skill into the occupations of farming.I believe that each farm boy bears the responsibility for finding and developing his talents to the end that the life of his people may thereby be enriched so that happiness and contentment will come to all." ---Creed of The New Farmers of America.

OFFICERS: Left to Right: Delaney Wright-Vice President, William Lee-Treasurer, James Gaines-Reporter, Roger Brown-President, Wesley Rollins-Secretary, Mr. F. P. Holmes-Advisor.



N.H.A.

The New Homemakers of America is the national organization of Negro pupils studying homemaking in junior and senior high school in the state. Its purposes are the development of social qualities, the provision for wholesome recreational activities, and the promotion of better home life for its members and their families.

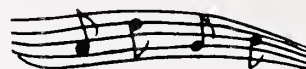
The girls pictured above with their sponsors Mrs. Brown represent the 1954 and 1955 N. H. A. officers.

Left to Right: Clara Booker, -Sergeant-at-arms, Barbara Young-Treasurer, Jacqueline Roane-Assistant Secretary, Johnnie Fortune-Secretary, Grace Johnson-Vice President, Joyce Brown-President, Mrs. Brown-Sponsor, Theresa Johnson-President, Laura Morris-Vice President, Ruby Muse-Secretary, Betty Beale-Assistant Secretary, Delores Peterson-Treasurer.



Choral Club

As a part of the schools program the Choral Club has added much listening pleasure to school and community functions.



Members of the club are: TOP ROW: Mrs. Brown-Instructor, Clara Booker, Francis Smith, Walter Green, Raymond Greenwood, James Jackson, Jr., Delaney Wright, James Gaines, Harold Byrd, Wesley Rollins, Roger Brown, Barbara Blagmon, Jean Holmes, Mrs. Bayton-Instructor, FRONT ROW: Elizabeth Morris, Ruby Muse, Betty Beale, Beatrice Wright, Gloria Smith, Katherine Ruffin, Evelyn Beale, Pauline Wilson, Thressa Johnson, Edwin Young, Barbara Peterson, Grace Johnson, Dorothy Bundy, Barbara Taylor, Dorothy Thompson and seated at the piano Jacquelyn Roane.



Rhythm Band



The Rhythm Band was organized for the purpose of stimulating rhythmic expression, creativeness and originality. FIRST ROW: William Green, Antonette Holmes, Rebecca Rollins, Jerome Ware, Gladys Johnson, Esther Garnett, Bertha Henry, Phillip Jones, Wayne Gray, Wesley Johnson. SECOND ROW: Andrew Holmes, Dorothy Nelson, Elliott Young, Doris Richardson, Lorraine Hedgeman, Shirley Blagmon, Everett Gray, Herbert Hutchinson. THIRD ROW: Mrs. E. L. Harris and other members.



Dramatic Club

As members of the Dramatics Club, students have the opportunity to develop poise, dramatic ability, artistic appreciation and how to express themselves creatively.

SITTING: Left to Right: Roger Brown, Ruby Young, Delaney Wright, Delores Washington, Mrs. Poles-Director, Jean Dandridge, Lorenzo Harris, Betty McGuire, Walter Greene. STANDING: Jean Holmes, Joyce Washington, Edwin Young, Frances Young, Joyce Gaines, Raymond Greenwood, James Gaines, Johnnie Fortune, Dorothy Golden, Evelyn Beale, Clara Booker, Ann Braxton, Barbara Taylor, Laura Morris, Dorothy Thompson.

Safety Patrol

The Safety Patrol was organized to promote safety for the student to and from school. The Safety Patrol has the responsibility of directing the student in the halls and in the cafeteria. Since the organization of the patrol on the buses and in the school, the students have begun to take a more active part in school safety.



FIRST ROW: Samuel Banks, Willie Pratt, Barbara Reynolds, Brenda Brown, Robert Schools, Nathaniel Wilson, Steven Roane, Henry Stubbs. SECOND ROW: Walter Robinson, Hugh Gaines, Delany Wright, Walter Greene, William Wilson, Ann Jeter, Louise Pratt, Ella Gaines, Florine Payton. THIRD ROW: Dorothy Thompson, Barbara Taylor, Clara Booker, Emma Rich, Geneva Wilson, Ann Sayles, Josephine Ross, Laura Morris, Susie Holmes.



Cheering Squad



The Cheering Squad was organized as a major part of the athletic program to cheer and encourage students who are participating in varsity Sports.

Left to Right: Barbara Taylor, Clara Brooker, Dorothy Thompson, Francis Young, William Lee, Daisy Lee, Betty McGuire, Barbara Blagmon and Mae Pearl Lee.

Primary Chorus



The Primary Chorus offers opportunities for children to develop proper phrasing, interpretation, enunciation, and rhythm through note singing.



FIRST ROW: Esther Garnett, Ann Willis, Fay Coleman, Charles Payne, Roy Banks, Rudolph Holmes, Everett Gray, Stephen Roane, Howard Henry, Wayne Gray. SECOND ROW: Gwendolyn Poles, Richard Vaughan, Griggs Roane, Thomas Byrd, James Coleman, Haywood Hedgeman, John Clarke, William Young, Sandra Jackson, Ella Roane, Joan Braxton, Rosa Dunning. THIRD ROW: Constance Harris, Phyllis Richardson, Elvira Hedgeman, Wayne Jeter, Raymond Jeter, Myrtle Pratt, Esther Rollins, Pauline Johnson, Rosa Braxton, and Miss M. E. Saunders.

FEATURES

We have many extras here at ECHS, which we call features. These extras offer enrichment to our lives within these walls which we think of as a home away from home.



Cafeteria

The school lunch program is a part of our over-all program to help children grow better in mind, body, and spirit. It is a vital part of school living and through it the students are greatly benefited.



School Store

The store supplies pupils with school supplies and also confectioneries.

Library

Library helpers work with the librarian, a daily routine of checking in and out books, arranging books and planning library activities.



May Day Queen and Attendants

In May, there is a certain day that is anxiously awaited by everyone. It is the day of the traditional crowning of Miss Essex. The queen is the winner of the "Miss Essex Contest" held in the spring between the various high school classes.



Senior Class Play

An Annual activity of the Senior Class. This year the class presents "The Pampered Darling", a one act comedy. The cast: Ruby Young, Dorothy Golden, Delaney Wright, Johnnie Fortune, Roger Brown, Raymond Greenwood, Jean Dandridge, Joyce Gaines, Delores Washington and James Gaines.



THE SPORTSMAN'S CREED

The Player:

He lives clean and plays hard. He plays for the love of the game.

He wins without boasting, he loses without excuses and he never quits.

He respects officials and accepts their decisions without question.

He never forgets that he represents his school.

The Coach:

He inspires in his boys a love for the game and the desire to win.

He teaches them that it is better to lose fairly than to win unfairly.

He leads players and spectators to respect officials by setting them a good example.

He is the type of man he wants his boys to be.

The Official:

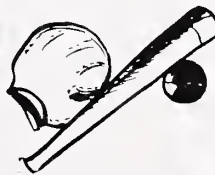
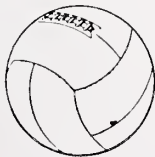
He knows the rules.

He is fair and firm in all decisions.

He calls them as he sees them.

He treats Players and Coaches courteously and demands the same treatment for himself.

He knows the game is for the boys and lets them have the spotlight.



Girls' Basketball

As a competitive sport, Girls' Basketball has developed the cooperation of players and the importance of teamwork, rather than unrelated individual performances.



The ECHS Tigers won second place in the TIAA Tournament in 1953 and a record of 7-3 for the 1954 season.



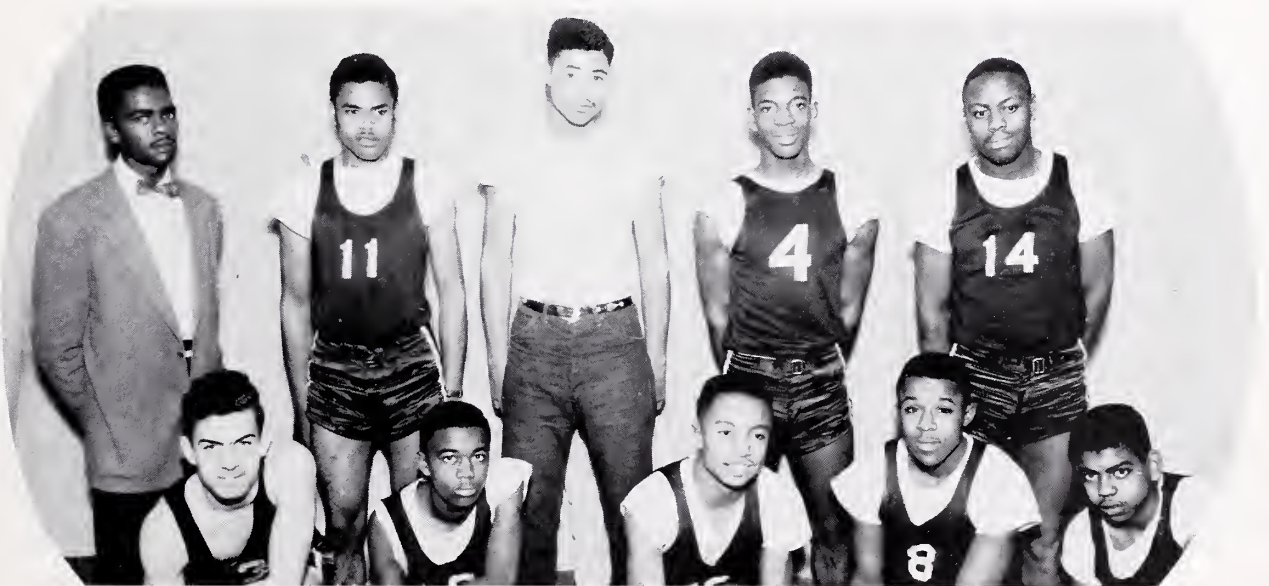
Left to Right: Jean Dandridge -Captain, Ann Jones, Dorothy Dandridge, Nell Robinson, Delores Peterson, Pauline Wilson, Geneva Wilson, Elizabeth Morris, Beatrice Wright, Ruby Young, Ann Sayles, Ruby Muse, Mrs. Bryton-Coach.

Boys' Basketball

The Tigers are members of the V.I.A. We are participating in our third year of basketball, first year as members of the V.I.A.



"Practice makes perfect." Whoever said that was only half right. Practice, practice and more practice makes perfect.



SITTING: Left to Right: Wesley Rollins, James Braxton, Roger Brown, Delaney Wright, Allen Wormly. STANDING: Left to Right: Mr. Holmes-Coch, Raymond Greenwood, James Smith, Willie Blagmon, Joseph Pendleton.

Softball



TIAA Champions

1954

The capability and cooperation of this team enabled them to win a 12-0 record for 1954, a record which they will strive to maintain for 1955.

FIRST ROW: Irene Ross, Beatrice Wright, Deloris Peterson, Nell Robinson, Dorothy Dandridge, Ann Jones, Ruby Muse, Shirley Ransome. SECOND ROW: Gloria Smith, Betty Beale, Althena Harris, Ruby Young, Mr. P. B. Parks-Coach, Geneva Wilson, Grace Johnson, Thresa Johnson, Joyce Gaines, Jean Dandridge.

Baseball

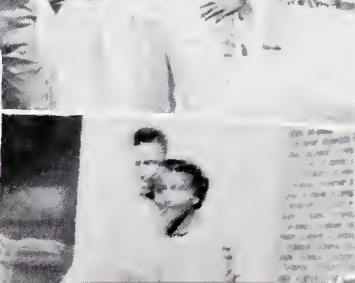
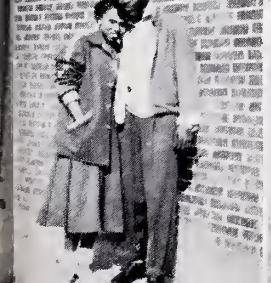
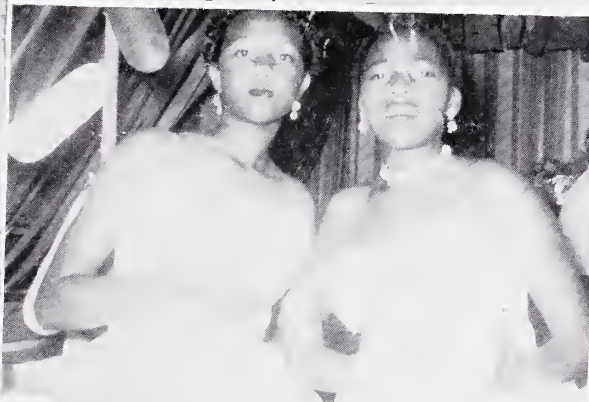


Second Place Winners 1954

The biggest event of the year was the Tiger's defeat of Central High 3-1. It was a one-hit game, pitched by William Hickman. This victory gave us a Second place rating in the TIAA League of the Tidewater Section of Virginia.

SITTING: Delaney Wright, Walter Green, Raymond Greenwood, Walter Garnett, James Braxton, Joseph Pendleton, Allen Wormly. STANDING: Mr. F. P. Holmes, Coach, Roger Brown, Walter Robinson, Wilbert Golden, James Smith, James Gaines, Wesley Rollins, Willie Blagmon, Harold Byrd, Albert Moody.

Snapshots



Patrons

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